

Homelessness Prevention Subcommittee Minutes

Wednesday, November 8, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Council Members:

Kathleen Berk - VSHA
Pollaidh Major- VHCB Designee
Rachel Hale – Hale Resource Designee
Will Towne – Spectrum Youth Services
Kim Anetsberger – Lamoille House
Adnan Duracak – DMH Designee
Mary Moulton - WCMHS
Jay Ramsey - Director of Workforce Development, DOL
Mary Moulton - WCMHS
Derek Miodownik- DOC Designee
Monica White –DAIL
Chadd Viger -Recovery House
Chris Winters – DCF

Committee Members:

Katy Preston – AOE
Rebecca Plumber - Vermont Legal Aid
Beverly Boget – VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
Theresa Wood – State Representative
Daniel Blankenship - VSHA Designee

Absent:

Kelly Dougherty - VDH Designee
Monica Hutt – Governor's office
Lily Sojourner – DCF/OEO

Guests:

Miranda Gray – DCF/ESD
David Riegel – AHS
Kristin Kellett – AHS
Crystal Jones – Burlington Housing Authority
Adam Hall - CVOEO Homeless Outreach Services Coordinator
Molly Dugan – Cathedral Square- SASH
Emily Taylor – Associate Director of Resident Services
Doe Hibbard – HireAbility

- Call to order (1:33)

- Review agenda
- Public comment
 - None.
- Update on Housing Development Subcommittee-
 - Commissioner Winters

Approval of Minutes (11/1)

- Motion: Pollaidh Major- VHCB Designee
 - Second to approve: Kim Anetsberger
 - Discussion: None
 - All in favor. Approved.
- This week's topic: Services
 - Network of nonprofit housing providers– Emily Taylor, Champlain Housing Trust
 - Housing Retention and Services- Crystal Jones, Burlington Housing Authority
 - SASH For All- Molly Dugan, Cathedral Square
 - Family Supportive Housing- Dave for OEO
 - Outreach Teams- Adam Hall, CVOEO's CORA Team
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 - Job training/employment stabilization- Hib Doe, HireAbility
 - Define key strategies, tactics, or plans with measurable performance metrics (2:30)
 - Resident Service Coordinators are place based services to support vulnerable residents to prevent eviction.
 - Much more need than what teams can handle- people who had support but their eligibility ran out but still need services after being housed.
 - Cathedral Square has the administrative infrastructure, training, etc. they are ready to scale up SASH For All
 - Outreach teams work to engage with people experiencing literal homelessness- success is defined as getting people sheltered not permanent housing like other programs. Do housing navigation and Community Resource drop-in center.
 - Seeing much higher rates of SUD and MH challenges.
 - Consistent unrestrictive funding for retention services is crucial. Current funding is a patchwork. Recommendation here?
 - Designated employment staff embedded in affordable housing projects or shelters. – Similar to DA's and SUD's in recovery centers. Recommendation here?
 - Community Action Agencies are important service providers.
 - How are referrals tracked? Feedback loop? Common IT solution- Lamoille piloting. Recommendation here?
 - Confirm next and future meeting topics
 - 11/15 - "All In" and Regulatory Reform
 - 11/20 – Tactical Plan Recommendations
 - 11/27 – Full Council Meeting
 - 11/29- Recommendation Work
 - 12/6- Recommendation Work

- 12/13- Recommendation Work
 - 12/19- Full Council Meeting
- Close meeting (3:00)